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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8148

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MOLD THEREFOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, to and including February 6, 2004.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$110.00, and any additional required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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